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ABSTRACT

This autobiography recounts personal experiences as a college professor and administrator (President of the University of Michigan) during the 1960s to the early 1980s. The 17 chapters discuss early years growing up in Illinois; college years; employment with the federal government; enlistment in the Army; the war in Germany; the end of the war, the occupation, and return home; starting life over after the war; post-war residence and life experience in Illinois; moonlighting as a labor mediator; return to Wisconsin; the beginning student unrest over the war in Vietnam and racial discrimination and efforts as a college president to negotiate with student demonstrators; the move to Michigan to assume the presidency of Michigan University at Ann Arbor; student unrest at Michigan University over the Vietnam War and personal reaction to it; the Black Action Movement strike at Michigan University; a retrospective on student unrest; reflections on university presidency; retirement from university life; and closing remarks. (CK)

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